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Creative computing with Landlab: an open-source toolkit for building, coupling, and exploring two-dimensional numerical models of Earth-surface dynamics

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Table S1. Field names used by Landlab version 1.0.

Field name	Used by	Provided by
channel_bed_shear_stress		SedDepEroder
channel_chi_index		ChiFinder
channel_depth		SedDepEroder
channel_discharge		SedDepEroder
channel_steepness_index		SteepnessFinder
channel_width		SedDepEroder
channel_sediment_relative_flux		SedDepEroder
channel_sediment_volumetric_flux		SedDepEroder
channel_sediment_volumetric_transport_capacity		SedDepEroder
depression_depth	DepressionFinderAndRouter	
depression_outlet_node	DepressionFinderAndRouter	
drainage_area	ChiFinder FastscapeEroder SedDepEroder SteepnessFinder StreamPowerEroder	FlowRouter
flow_link_to_receiver_node	ChiFinder FastscapeEroder SedDepEroder SteepnessFinder StreamPowerEroder	FlowRouter
flow_receiver_node	ChiFinder FastscapeEroder SedDepEroder SteepnessFinder StreamPowerEroder	FlowRouter
flow_sink_flag		FlowRouter
flow_upstream_node_order	ChiFinder FastscapeEroder SedDepEroder SteepnessFinder StreamPowerEroder	FlowRouter
lithosphere_overlying_pressure_increment	Flexure	
lithosphere_surface_elevation_increment		Flexure gFlex
plant_age		VegCA
plant_live_index		VegCA
radiation_incoming_shortwave_flux		PotentialEvapotranspiration Radiation
radiation_net_flux		PotentialEvapotranspiration
radiation_net_longwave_flux		PotentialEvapotranspiration
radiation_net_shortwave_flux		PotentialEvapotranspiration Radiation
radiation_ratio_to_flat_surface	PotentialEvapotranspiration	Radiation
rainfall_daily_depth	SoilMoisture	
sediment_fill_depth		SinkFiller
soil_moisture_initial_saturation_fraction	SoilMoisture	
soil_moisture_root_zone_leakage		SoilMoisture
soil_moisture_saturation_fraction		SoilMoisture
soil_water_infiltration_depth	SoilInfiltrationGreenAmpt	SoilInfiltrationGreenAmpt
surface_evapotranspiration	Vegetation	SoilMoisture
surface_potential_evapotranspiration_30day_mean	Vegetation	
surface_potential_evapotranspiration_rate	SoilMoisture Vegetation	PotentialEvapotranspiration
surface_runoff		SoilMoisture

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Field name	Used by	Provided by
surface_load_stress	gFlex	
surface_water_depth	KinematicWaveRengers OverlandFlow OverlandFlowBates SoilInfiltrationGreenAmpt	KinematicWaveRengers OverlandFlow OverlandFlowBates SoilInfiltrationGreenAmpt
surface_water_discharge	DetachmentLtdErosion	FlowRouter KinematicWaveRengers OverlandFlow OverlandFlowBates
surface_water_velocity		KinematicWaveRengers
topographic_elevation	ChiFinder DepressionFinderAndRouter DetachmentLtdErosion FastscapeEroder FlowRouter KinematicWaveRengers LinearDiffuser OverlandFlow OverlandFlowBates PerronNLDiffuse Radiation SedDepEroder SinkFiller SteepnessFinder StreamPowerEroder	DetachmentLtdErosion FastscapeEroder gFlex LinearDiffuser PerronNLDiffuse SedDepEroder SinkFiller StreamPowerEroder
topographic_gradient		LinearDiffuser
topographic_slope	DetachmentLtdErosion	
topographic_steepest_slope	ChiFinder SedDepEroder SteepnessFinder StreamPowerEroder	FlowRouter
hillslope_sediment_unit_volume_flux		LinearDiffuser
vegetation_cover_fraction	SoilMoisture	
vegetation_cumulative_water_stress	VegCA	Vegetation
vegetation_dead_biomass		Vegetation
vegetation_dead_leaf_area_index		Vegetation
vegetation_live_biomass		Vegetation
vegetation_live_leaf_area_index	SoilMoisture	Vegetation
vegetation_plant_functional_type	SoilMoisture VegCA Vegetation	
vegetation_water_stress	Vegetation	SoilMoisture
water_unit_flux_in	FlowRouter	
water_surface_gradient		OverlandFlow OverlandFlowBates

Script S2. Code to examine run times of simple stream power models on two Landlab grid types (Fig. 11).

```
1 import numpy as np
2 from matplotlib.pyplot import figure, show, plot, xlabel, ylabel, ylim
3 from landlab import RasterModelGrid, HexModelGrid
4 from landlab.components import StreamPowerEroder, FlowRouter, \
5     PrecipitationDistribution
6 from landlab import imshow_grid
7 from time import time
8
9 uplift_rate = 0.001
10 side_list = [5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 75, 100, 150]
11 total_time_listr = []
12 total_time_listh = []
13 loop_time_listr = []
14 loop_time_listh = []
15 num_repeats = 5
16
17 for side in side_list:
18     print(side)
19     for i in range(2):
20         temp_tottime = []
21         temp_looptime = []
22         for j in range(num_repeats):
23             time_0 = time()
24             if i == 0:
25                 mg = RasterModelGrid((side, side), 100.)
26             else:
27                 mg = HexModelGrid(side, side, 100., shape='rect')
28
29             mg_noise = np.random.rand(mg.number_of_nodes)/1000.
30
31             zr = mg.add_zeros('node', 'topographic__elevation')
32             zr += mg_noise
33             Qr = mg.add_empty('node', 'surface_water__discharge')
34
35             runoff_rater = mg.add_ones('node', 'water__unit_flux_in')
36
37             frr = FlowRouter(mg)
38             # ^water__unit_flux_in gets automatically ingested
39             spr = StreamPowerEroder(mg, K_sp=1.e-5, threshold_sp=1.e-6,
40                                     use_Q='surface_water__discharge')
41             precip = PrecipitationDistribution(
42                 mean_storm_depth=5000., mean_storm_duration=100.,
43                 mean_interstorm_duration=900., total_t=3.e6)
44
45             time_in = time()
46             for (dt, runoff) in \
47                 precip.yield_storm_interstorm_duration_intensity():
48                 zr[mg.core_nodes] += uplift_rate*dt
49                 if runoff > 0.:
50                     runoff_rater.fill(runoff)
51                     frr.run_one_step()
52                     spr.run_one_step(dt)
```

```

53         # raincount += 1
54         # print(raincount, dt, runoff)
55         time_out = time()
56         temp_tottime.append(time_out-time_0)
57         temp_looptime.append(time_out-time_in)
58         tottime = np.mean(temp_tottime)
59         looptime = np.mean(temp_looptime)
60         if i == 0:
61             loop_time_listr.append(looptime)
62             total_time_listr.append(tottime)
63         else:
64             loop_time_listh.append(looptime)
65             total_time_listh.append(tottime)
66
67     np.savetxt('side_list', np.array(side_list))
68     np.savetxt('loop_time_listr', np.array(loop_time_listr))
69     np.savetxt('total_time_listr', np.array(total_time_listr))
70     np.savetxt('loop_time_listh', np.array(loop_time_listh))
71     np.savetxt('total_time_listh', np.array(total_time_listh))
72
73     side_list = np.loadtxt('side_list')
74     loop_time_listr = np.loadtxt('loop_time_listr')
75     total_time_listr = np.loadtxt('total_time_listr')
76     loop_time_listh = np.loadtxt('loop_time_listh')
77     total_time_listh = np.loadtxt('total_time_listh')
78     s = 12.
79     figure('runtimes')
80     plot(np.array(side_list)**2, loop_time_listr, 'b+', markersize=s)
81     plot(np.array(side_list)**2, total_time_listr, 'D',
82          markerfacecolor='none', markeredgcolor='b', markersize=s)
83     plot(np.array(side_list)**2, loop_time_listh, 'rx', markersize=s)
84     plot(np.array(side_list)**2, total_time_listh, 's',
85          markerfacecolor='none', markeredgcolor='r', markersize=s)
86     xlabel('Number of nodes')
87     ylabel('Time (s)')
88
89     figure('overhead')
90     overhead_r = np.array(total_time_listr) - np.array(loop_time_listr)
91     overhead_h = np.array(total_time_listh) - np.array(loop_time_listh)
92     plot(np.array(side_list)**2, overhead_r, 'bo', markersize=s)
93     plot(np.array(side_list)**2, overhead_h, 'r^', markersize=s)
94     ylim([0, 2.1])
95     xlabel('Number of nodes')
96     ylabel('Time (s)')
97
98     show()

```

Script S3. Code to run a simple stream power model in Landlab, incorporating both storms and a threshold, on two different grid types (Fig. 12).

```
1 import numpy as np
2 from matplotlib.pyplot import figure, show, loglog, xlim, ylim, xlabel, ylabel
3 from landlab import RasterModelGrid, HexModelGrid
4 from landlab.components import StreamPowerEroder, FlowRouter, \
5     PrecipitationDistribution
6 from landlab import imshow_grid
7 from copy import deepcopy
8
9 # This script is to make fig 11
10 side = 100
11 uplift_rate = 0.001
12 gridlist = []
13
14 for i in range(2):
15     if i == 0:
16         mg = RasterModelGrid((side, side), 100.)
17     else:
18         mg = HexModelGrid(side, side, 100., shape='rect')
19
20     # add initial noise to produce convergent flow from the initial conditions
21     np.random.seed(0) # so our figures are reproducible
22     mg_noise = np.random.rand(mg.number_of_nodes)/1000.
23
24     # set up the input fields
25     zr = mg.add_zeros('node', 'topographic__elevation')
26     zr += mg_noise
27     Qr = mg.add_empty('node', 'surface_water__discharge')
28     runoff_rater = mg.add_ones('node', 'water__unit_flux_in')
29
30     # Landlab sets fixed elevation boundary conditions by default. This is
31     # what we want, so we will not modify these here.
32
33     # instantiate the components:
34     frr = FlowRouter(mg) # water__unit_flux_in gets automatically ingested
35     spr = StreamPowerEroder(
36         mg, K_sp=1.e-5, m_sp=0.5, n_sp=1., threshold_sp=1.e-6,
37         use_Q='surface_water__discharge')
38     # the `use_Q` flag tells the StreamPowerEroder to use discharge defined in
39     # the field 'surface_water__discharge' as the first term in the stream
40     # power law, not the drainage area, as is sometimes also seen.
41     precip = PrecipitationDistribution(
42         mean_storm_depth=5000., mean_storm_duration=100.,
43         mean_interstorm_duration=900., total_t=3.e6)
44
45     raincount = 0 # this flag lets us see how many rain events have occurred
46     for (dt, runoff) in precip.yield_storm_interstorm_duration_intensity():
47         zr[mg.core_nodes] += uplift_rate*dt
48         if runoff > 0.:
49             runoff_rater.fill(runoff)
50             frr.run_one_step()
51             spr.run_one_step(dt)
52             raincount += 1
```

```

53         print(raincount, dt, runoff)
54         # this loop will terminate automatically, thanks to the generator
55         # method we're calling from the `precip` class object.
56
57     # Do some plotting. First the topography:
58     figure('topo ' + str(i))
59     imshow_grid(mg, zr, grid_units=('m', 'm'), var_name='Elevation (m)')
60
61     # then some slope-area plots, for checking:
62     figure('S-A_all')
63     loglog(mg.at_node['drainage_area'],
64            mg.at_node['topographic_steepest_slope'], 'x')
65     figure('S-A_interior_only ' + str(i))
66     edge = np.unique(mg.neighbors_at_node[mg.boundary_nodes, :])
67     not_edge = np.in1d(mg.nodes.flatten(), edge, assume_unique=True,
68                       invert=True)
69     loglog(mg.at_node['drainage_area'][not_edge],
70            mg.at_node['topographic_steepest_slope'][not_edge], 'x')
71     xlim([1.e3, 1.e8])
72     xlabel('Topographic slope')
73     ylabel('Drainage area (m^2)')
74
75     # save the data to a list so we can inspect both grid types at our leisure
76     # if this script is run from an interactive Python environment like
77     # iPython:
78     gridlist.append(deepcopy(mg))
79
80 # show all the plots we have:
81 show()
82
83 # just to produce the figures:
84 i = 0
85 for mg in gridlist:
86     figure('topo ' + str(i))
87     imshow_grid(mg, 'topographic_elevation', grid_units=('m', 'm'),
88                var_name='Elevation (m)')
89     figure('S-A ' + str(i))
90     edge = np.unique(mg.neighbors_at_node[mg.boundary_nodes, :])
91     not_edge = np.in1d(mg.nodes.flatten(), edge, assume_unique=True,
92                       invert=True)
93     loglog(mg.at_node['drainage_area'][not_edge],
94            mg.at_node['topographic_steepest_slope'][not_edge], 'x')
95     xlim([1.e3, 1.e7])
96     ylabel('Topographic slope')
97     xlabel('Drainage area (m^2)')
98     figure('S-A')
99     loglog(mg.at_node['drainage_area'][not_edge],
100            mg.at_node['topographic_steepest_slope'][not_edge], 'x')
101     xlim([1.e3, 1.e7])
102     ylabel('Topographic slope')
103     xlabel('Drainage area (m^2)')
104     i += 1
105 show()
106

```


Script S4. Code to run a coupled stream power-hillslope diffusion model in Landlab on two different grid types (Fig. 12).

```
1 import numpy as np
2 from matplotlib.pyplot import figure, show, loglog, xlim, ylim, xlabel, ylabel
3 from landlab import RasterModelGrid, HexModelGrid
4 from landlab.components import StreamPowerEroder, FlowRouter, \
5     PrecipitationDistribution, LinearDiffuser, DepressionFinderAndRouter
6 from landlab import imshow_grid
7 from copy import deepcopy
8
9 side = 100
10 uplift_rate = 0.001
11 gridlist = []
12
13 for i in range(2):
14     if i == 0:
15         mg = RasterModelGrid((side, side), 100.)
16     else:
17         mg = HexModelGrid(side, side, 100., shape='rect')
18
19     # add initial noise to produce convergent flow from the initial conditions
20     np.random.seed(0) # so our figures are reproducible
21     mg_noise = np.random.rand(mg.number_of_nodes)/1000.
22
23     # set up the input fields
24     zr = mg.add_zeros('node', 'topographic__elevation')
25     zr += mg_noise
26     Qr = mg.add_empty('node', 'surface_water__discharge')
27     runoff_rater = mg.add_ones('node', 'water__unit_flux_in')
28
29     # Landlab sets fixed elevation boundary conditions by default. This is
30     # what we want, so we will not modify these here.
31
32     # instantiate the components:
33     frr = FlowRouter(mg) # water__unit_flux_in gets automatically ingested
34     spr = StreamPowerEroder(
35         mg, K_sp=1.e-5, m_sp=0.5, n_sp=1., threshold_sp=1.e-6,
36         use_Q='surface_water__discharge')
37     # the `use_Q` flag tells the StreamPowerEroder to use discharge defined in
38     # the field 'surface_water__discharge' as the first term in the stream
39     # power law, not the drainage area, as is sometimes also seen.
40     dfn = LinearDiffuser(mg, linear_diffusivity=0.05)
41     lake = DepressionFinderAndRouter(mg)
42     precip = PrecipitationDistribution(
43         mean_storm_depth=5000., mean_storm_duration=100.,
44         mean_interstorm_duration=900., total_t=3.e6)
45
46     raincount = 0 # this flag lets us see how many rain events have occurred
47     for (dt, runoff) in precip.yield_storm_interstorm_duration_intensity():
48         zr[mg.core_nodes] += uplift_rate*dt
49         dfn.run_one_step(dt) # hillslopes always diffusive, even when dry
50         if runoff > 0.:
51             runoff_rater.fill(runoff)
52             frr.run_one_step()
```

```

53         lake.map_depressions()
54         spr.run_one_step(dt, flooded_nodes=lake.lake_at_node)
55         raincount += 1
56         print(raincount, dt, runoff)
57         # this loop will terminate automatically, thanks to the generator
58         # method we're calling from the `precip` class object.
59
60     # Do some plotting. First the topography:
61     figure('topo ' + str(i))
62     imshow_grid(mg, zr, grid_units=('m', 'm'), var_name='Elevation (m)')
63
64     # then some slope-area plots, for checking:
65     figure('S-A_all')
66     loglog(mg.at_node['drainage_area'],
67           mg.at_node['topographic_steepest_slope'], 'x')
68     figure('S-A_interior_only ' + str(i))
69     edge = np.unique(mg.neighbors_at_node[mg.boundary_nodes, :])
70     not_edge = np.in1d(mg.nodes.flatten(), edge, assume_unique=True,
71                       invert=True)
72     loglog(mg.at_node['drainage_area'][not_edge],
73           mg.at_node['topographic_steepest_slope'][not_edge], 'x')
74     xlim([1.e3, 1.e7])
75     xlabel('Topographic slope')
76     ylabel('Drainage area (m^2)')
77
78     # save the data to a list so we can inspect both grid types at our leisure
79     # if this script is run from an interactive Python environment like
80     # iPython:
81     gridlist.append(deepcopy(mg))
82
83 # show all the plots we have:
84 show()
85
86 # just to produce the figures:
87 i = 0
88 for mg in gridlist:
89     figure('topo ' + str(i))
90     imshow_grid(mg, 'topographic_elevation', grid_units=('m', 'm'),
91               var_name='Elevation (m)')
92     figure('S-A ' + str(i))
93     edge = np.unique(mg.neighbors_at_node[mg.boundary_nodes, :])
94     not_edge = np.in1d(mg.nodes.flatten(), edge, assume_unique=True,
95                       invert=True)
96     loglog(mg.at_node['drainage_area'][not_edge],
97           mg.at_node['topographic_steepest_slope'][not_edge], 'x')
98     xlim([1.e3, 1.e7])
99     ylabel('Topographic slope')
100    xlabel('Drainage area (m^2)')
101    figure('S-A')
102    loglog(mg.at_node['drainage_area'][not_edge],
103          mg.at_node['topographic_steepest_slope'][not_edge], 'x')
104    xlim([1.e3, 1.e7])
105    ylabel('Topographic slope')
106    xlabel('Drainage area (m^2)')
107    i += 1
108 show()

```

Script S5. Code to run an ecohydrology model in Landlab.

```
1 # Authors: Sai Nudurupati & Erkan Istanbuluoglu, 21May15
2 # Edited: 15Jul16 - to conform to Landlab version 1.
3 # A companion interactive tutorial an be found at: landlab/tutorials/
4 # ...ecohydrology/cellular_automaton_vegetation_flat_surface.ipynb
5
6 import os
7 import time
8 import numpy as np
9 import matplotlib as mpl
10 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
11
12 from landlab import load_params, RasterModelGrid
13 from landlab.plot import imshow_grid
14 from landlab.components import (PrecipitationDistribution, Radiation,
15                                 PotentialEvapotranspiration, SoilMoisture,
16                                 Vegetation, VegCA)
17
18 GRASS = 0
19 SHRUB = 1
20 TREE = 2
21 BARE = 3
22 SHRUBSEEDLING = 4
23 TREESEEDLING = 5
24
25
26 def compose_veg_grid(grid, percent_bare=0.4, percent_grass=0.2,
27                     percent_shrub=0.2, percent_tree=0.2):
28     """Compose spatially distribute PFT."""
29     no_cells = grid.number_of_cells
30     shrub_point = int(percent_bare * no_cells)
31     tree_point = int((percent_bare + percent_shrub) * no_cells)
32     grass_point = int((1 - percent_grass) * no_cells)
33
34     veg_grid = np.full(grid.number_of_cells, BARE, dtype=int)
35     veg_grid[shrub_point:tree_point] = SHRUB
36     veg_grid[tree_point:grass_point] = TREE
37     veg_grid[grass_point:] = GRASS
38
39     np.random.shuffle(veg_grid)
40     return veg_grid
41
42
43 def initialize(data, grid, grid1):
44     """Initialize random plant type field.
45
46     Plant types are defined as the following:
47
48     * GRASS = 0
49     * SHRUB = 1
50     * TREE = 2
51     * BARE = 3
52     * SHRUBSEEDLING = 4
53     * TREESEEDLING = 5
54     """
```

```

55     grid1.at_cell['vegetation__plant_functional_type'] = compose_veg_grid(
56         grid1, percent_bare=data['percent_bare_initial'],
57         percent_grass=data['percent_grass_initial'],
58         percent_shrub=data['percent_shrub_initial'],
59         percent_tree=data['percent_tree_initial'])
60
61     # Assign plant type for representative ecohydrologic simulations
62     grid.at_cell['vegetation__plant_functional_type'] = np.arange(6)
63     grid1.at_node['topographic__elevation'] = np.full(grid1.number_of_nodes,
64                                                     1700.)
65     grid.at_node['topographic__elevation'] = np.full(grid.number_of_nodes,
66                                                     1700.)
67     precip_dry = PrecipitationDistribution(
68         mean_storm_duration=data['mean_storm_dry'],
69         mean_interstorm_duration=data['mean_interstorm_dry'],
70         mean_storm_depth=data['mean_storm_depth_dry'])
71     precip_wet = PrecipitationDistribution(
72         mean_storm_duration=data['mean_storm_wet'],
73         mean_interstorm_duration=data['mean_interstorm_wet'],
74         mean_storm_depth=data['mean_storm_depth_wet'])
75
76     radiation = Radiation(grid)
77     pet_tree = PotentialEvapotranspiration(grid, method=data['PET_method'],
78                                           MeanTmaxF=data['MeanTmaxF_tree'],
79                                           delta_d=data['DeltaD'])
80     pet_shrub = PotentialEvapotranspiration(grid, method=data['PET_method'],
81                                           MeanTmaxF=data['MeanTmaxF_shrub'],
82                                           delta_d=data['DeltaD'])
83     pet_grass = PotentialEvapotranspiration(grid, method=data['PET_method'],
84                                           MeanTmaxF=data['MeanTmaxF_grass'],
85                                           delta_d=data['DeltaD'])
86     soil_moisture = SoilMoisture(grid, **data) # Soil Moisture object
87     vegetation = Vegetation(grid, **data) # Vegetation object
88     vegca = VegCA(grid1, **data) # Cellular automaton object
89
90     # Initializing inputs for Soil Moisture object
91     grid.at_cell['vegetation__live_leaf_area_index'] = (
92         1.6 * np.ones(grid.number_of_cells))
93     grid.at_cell['soil_moisture__initial_saturation_fraction'] = (
94         0.59 * np.ones(grid.number_of_cells))
95
96     return (precip_dry, precip_wet, radiation, pet_tree, pet_shrub,
97           pet_grass, soil_moisture, vegetation, vegca)
98
99
100 def empty_arrays(n, grid, grid1):
101     precip = np.empty(n) # Record precipitation
102     inter_storm_dt = np.empty(n) # Record inter storm duration
103     storm_dt = np.empty(n) # Record storm duration
104     time_elapsed = np.empty(n) # To record time elapsed from start of simulation
105
106     # Cumulative Water Stress
107     veg_type = np.empty([n / 55, grid1.number_of_cells], dtype=int)
108     daily_pet = np.zeros([365, grid.number_of_cells])
109     rad_factor = np.empty([365, grid.number_of_cells])
110     EP30 = np.empty([365, grid.number_of_cells])

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```

111
112     # 30 day average PET to determine season
113     pet_threshold = 0 # Initializing pet_threshold to ETThresholddown
114     return (precip, inter_storm_dt, storm_dt, time_elapsed, veg_type,
115           daily_pet, rad_factor, EP30, pet_threshold)
116
117
118     def create_pet_lookup(radiation, pet_tree, pet_shrub, pet_grass, daily_pet,
119                          rad_factor, EP30, grid):
120         for i in range(0, 365):
121             pet_tree.update(float(i) / 365.25)
122             pet_shrub.update(float(i) / 365.25)
123             pet_grass.update(float(i) / 365.25)
124             daily_pet[i] = [pet_grass._PET_value, pet_shrub._PET_value,
125                           pet_tree._PET_value, 0., pet_shrub._PET_value,
126                           pet_tree._PET_value]
127             radiation.update(float(i) / 365.25)
128             rad_factor[i] = grid.at_cell['radiation__ratio_to_flat_surface']
129
130             if i < 30:
131                 if i == 0:
132                     EP30[0] = daily_pet[0]
133                 else:
134                     EP30[i] = np.mean(daily_pet[:i], axis=0)
135             else:
136                 EP30[i] = np.mean(daily_pet[i - 30:i], axis=0)
137
138
139     def save(sim, inter_storm_dt, storm_dt, precip, veg_type, yrs,
140            walltime, time_elapsed):
141         np.save(sim + '_Tb', inter_storm_dt)
142         np.save(sim + '_Tr', storm_dt)
143         np.save(sim + '_P', precip)
144         np.save(sim + '_VegType', veg_type)
145         np.save(sim + '_Years', yrs)
146         np.save(sim + '_Time_Consumed_minutes', walltime)
147         np.save(sim + '_CurrentTime', time_elapsed)
148
149
150     def plot(sim, grid, veg_type, yrs, yr_step=10):
151         pic = 0
152         years = range(0, yrs)
153         cmap = mpl.colors.ListedColormap(
154             ['green', 'red', 'black', 'white', 'red', 'black'])
155         bounds = [-0.5, 0.5, 1.5, 2.5, 3.5, 4.5, 5.5]
156         norm = mpl.colors.BoundaryNorm(bounds, cmap.N)
157         print 'Plotting cellular field of Plant Functional Type'
158         print 'Green - Grass; Red - Shrubs; Black - Trees; White - Bare'
159
160         # Plot images to make gif.
161         for year in range(0, yrs, yr_step):
162             filename = 'year_' + "%05d" % year
163             pic += 1
164             plt.figure(pic, figsize=(10, 8))
165             imshow_grid(grid, veg_type[year], values_at='cell', cmap=cmap,
166                       grid_units=('m', 'm'), norm=norm, limits=[0, 5],

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167         allow_colorbar=False)
168     plt.title(filename, weight='bold', fontsize=22)
169     plt.xlabel('X (m)', weight='bold', fontsize=18)
170     plt.ylabel('Y (m)', weight='bold', fontsize=18)
171     plt.xticks(fontsize=14, weight='bold')
172     plt.yticks(fontsize=14, weight='bold')
173     plt.savefig(sim + '_' + filename)
174
175     grass_cov = np.empty(yrs)
176     shrub_cov = np.empty(yrs)
177     tree_cov = np.empty(yrs)
178     grid_size = float(veg_type.shape[1])
179
180     for x in range(0, yrs):
181         grass_cov[x] = (veg_type[x][veg_type[x] == GRASS].size /
182             grid_size) * 100
183         shrub_cov[x] = ((veg_type[x][veg_type[x] == SHRUB].size / grid_size) *
184             100 + (veg_type[x][veg_type[x] == SHRUBSEEDLING].size /
185             grid_size) * 100)
186         tree_cov[x] = ((veg_type[x][veg_type[x] == TREE].size / grid_size) *
187             100 + (veg_type[x][veg_type[x] == TREESEEDLING].size /
188             grid_size) * 100)
189
190     pic += 1
191     plt.figure(pic, figsize=(10, 8))
192     plt.plot(years, grass_cov, '-g', label='Grass', linewidth=4)
193     plt.hold(True)
194     plt.plot(years, shrub_cov, '-r', label='Shrub', linewidth=4)
195     plt.hold(True)
196     plt.plot(years, tree_cov, '-k', label='Tree', linewidth=4)
197     plt.ylabel('% Area Covered by Plant Type', weight='bold', fontsize=18)
198     plt.xlabel('Time in years', weight='bold', fontsize=18)
199     plt.xticks(fontsize=12, weight='bold')
200     plt.yticks(fontsize=12, weight='bold')
201     plt.legend(loc=0, prop={'size': 16, 'weight': 'bold'})
202     plt.savefig(sim + '_percent_cover')
203
204
205     # Now a script to drive the model:
206
207     grid1 = RasterModelGrid((100, 100), spacing=(5., 5.))
208     grid = RasterModelGrid((5, 4), spacing=(5., 5.))
209
210     # Create dictionary that holds the inputs
211     data = load_params('inputs_vegetation_ca.yaml')
212
213     (precip_dry, precip_wet, radiation, pet_tree, pet_shrub,
214     pet_grass, soil_moisture, vegetation, vegca) = initialize(data, grid, grid1)
215
216     n_years = 2000 # Approx number of years for model to run
217
218     # Calculate approximate number of storms per year
219     fraction_wet = (data['doy_end_of_monsoon'] -
220         data['doy_start_of_monsoon']) / 365.
221     fraction_dry = 1 - fraction_wet
222     no_of_storms_wet = 8760 * fraction_wet / (data['mean_interstorm_wet'] +

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223             data['mean_storm_wet'])
224 no_of_storms_dry = 8760 * fraction_dry / (data['mean_interstorm_dry'] +
225             data['mean_storm_dry'])
226 n = int(n_years * (no_of_storms_wet + no_of_storms_dry))
227
228 (precip, inter_storm_dt, storm_dt, time_elapsed, veg_type, daily_pet,
229  rad_factor, EP30, pet_threshold) = empty_arrays(n, grid, grid1)
230
231 create_pet_lookup(radiation, pet_tree, pet_shrub, pet_grass, daily_pet,
232  rad_factor, EP30, grid)
233
234 # Represent current time in years
235 current_time = 0 # Start from first day of Jan
236
237 # Keep track of run time for simulation - optional
238 wallclock_start = time.clock() # Recording time taken for simulation
239
240 # declaring few variables that will be used in the storm loop
241 time_check = 0. # Buffer to store current_time at previous storm
242 yrs = 0 # Keep track of number of years passed
243 water_stress = 0. # Buffer for Water Stress
244 Tg = 270 # Growing season in days
245
246 # Run storm Loop
247 for i in range(n):
248     # Update objects
249
250     # Calculate Day of Year (DOY)
251     julian = np.int(np.floor((current_time - np.floor(current_time)) * 365.))
252
253     # Generate seasonal storms
254     # Wet Season - Jul to Sep - NA Monsoon
255     if data['doy_start_of_monsoon'] <= julian <= data['doy_end_of_monsoon']:
256         precip_wet.update()
257         precip[i] = precip_wet.storm_depth
258         storm_dt[i] = precip_wet.storm_duration
259         inter_storm_dt[i] = precip_wet.interstorm_duration
260     else: # for Dry season
261         precip_dry.update()
262         precip[i] = precip_dry.storm_depth
263         storm_dt[i] = precip_dry.storm_duration
264         inter_storm_dt[i] = precip_dry.interstorm_duration
265
266     # Spatially distribute PET and its 30-day-mean (analogous to degree day)
267     grid.at_cell[
268         'surface_potential_evapotranspiration_rate'] = daily_pet[julian]
269     grid.at_cell[
270         'surface_potential_evapotranspiration_30day_mean'] = EP30[julian]
271
272     # Assign spatial rainfall data
273     grid.at_cell[
274         'rainfall_daily_depth'] = np.full(grid.number_of_cells, precip[i])
275
276     # Update soil moisture component
277     current_time = soil_moisture.update(current_time, Tr=storm_dt[i],
278         Tb=inter_storm_dt[i])

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279
280 # Decide whether its growing season or not
281 if julian != 364:
282     if EP30[julian + 1, 0] > EP30[julian, 0]:
283         pet_threshold = 1
284         # 1 corresponds to ETThresholdup (begin growing season)
285     else:
286         pet_threshold = 0
287         # 0 corresponds to ETThresholddown (end growing season)
288
289 # Update vegetation component
290 vegetation.update(PETThreshold_switch=pet_threshold, Tb=inter_storm_dt[i],
291                 Tr=storm_dt[i])
292
293 # Update yearly cumulative water stress data
294 water_stress += (grid1.at_cell['vegetation__water_stress'] *
295                inter_storm_dt[i] / 24.)
296
297 # Record time (optional)
298 time_elapsed[i] = current_time
299
300 # Update spatial PFTs with Cellular Automata rules
301 if (current_time - time_check) >= 1.:
302     if yrs % 100 == 0:
303         print 'Elapsed time = ', yrs, ' years'
304         veg_type[yrs] = grid1.at_cell['vegetation__plant_functional_type']
305         WS_ = np.choose(veg_type[yrs], water_stress)
306         grid1.at_cell['vegetation__cumulative_water_stress'] = WS_ / Tg
307         vegca.update()
308         time_check = current_time
309         water_stress = 0
310         yrs += 1
311
312 veg_type[yrs] = grid1.at_cell['vegetation__plant_functional_type']
313
314 wallclock_stop = time.clock()
315 walltime = (wallclock_stop - wallclock_start) / 60. # in minutes
316 print 'Time_consumed = ', walltime, ' minutes'
317
318 # Saving
319 try:
320     os.mkdir('output')
321 except OSError:
322     pass
323 finally:
324     os.chdir('output')
325
326 save('veg', inter_storm_dt, storm_dt, precip, veg_type, yrs,
327     walltime, time_elapsed)
328
329 plot('veg', grid1, veg_type, yrs, yr_step=100)

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This code makes use of the following input text file, named
"inputs_vegetation_ca.yaml":

```
### All inputs for Vegetation Cellular Automaton Model built on The Landlab
### can be given here.
### 14Feb2015 - Sai Nudurupati & Erkan Istanbuluoglu
### 15Jul2016 - Updated to comply with Landlab Version 1 naming conventions.

### Vegetation Cellular Automaton Model Input File:

n_short: 6600 # Number of storms for short simulation that plots hydrologic
parameters
n_long_DEM: 1320 # Number of storms for long simulation that operates on single
grid for sloped surface
n_long_flat: 660000 # Number of storms for long simulation that operates on two
grids - flat surface

## Initial Plant Functional Types (PFT) distribution
percent_bare_initial: 0.7 # Initial percentage of cells occupied by bare soil
percent_grass_initial: 0.1 # Initial percentage of cells occupied by grass
percent_shrub_initial: 0.1 # Initial percentage of cells occupied by shrubs
percent_tree_initial: 0.1 # Initial percentage of cells occupied by trees

## Precipitation:

# Dry Season
mean_storm_dry: 2.016 # Mean storm duration (hours)
mean_interstorm_dry: 159.36 # Mean interstorm duration (hours)
mean_storm_depth_dry: 3.07 # Mean storm depth (mm)

# Wet Season
mean_storm_wet: 1.896 # Mean storm duration (hours)
mean_interstorm_wet: 84.24 # Mean interstorm duration (hours)
mean_storm_depth_wet: 4.79 # Mean storm depth (mm)
doy_start_of_monsoon: 182 # Day of the year when the monsoon starts
doy_end_of_monsoon: 273 # Day of the year when the monsoon ends

## PotentialEvapotranspiration:
# Cosine Method
PET_method: Cosine
LT: 0 # Lag between peak TmaxF estimated by cosine method and solar forcing
(days)
DeltaD: 7. # Calibrated difference between
ND: 365. # Number of days in the year (days)
MeanTmaxF_grass: 5.15 # Mean annual rate of TmaxF (mm/d)
MeanTmaxF_shrub: 3.77 # Mean annual rate of TmaxF (mm/d)
MeanTmaxF_tree: 4.96 # Mean annual rate of TmaxF (mm/d)

# TmaxF - Estimated maximum evapotranspiration as a function of DOY
# using Penman Monteith method for historical weather

## Soil Moisture:

runon: 0. # Runon from higher elevations (mm)
f_bare: 0.7 # Fraction to partition PET for bare soil (None)
```

Grass

VEGTYPE_grass: 0 # Integer value to infer Vegetation Type
intercept_cap_grass: 1. # Full canopy interception capacity (mm)
zr_grass: 0.3 # Root depth (m)
I_B_grass: 20. # Infiltration capacity of bare soil (mm/h)
I_V_grass: 24. # Infiltration capacity of vegetated soil (mm/h)
pc_grass: 0.43 # Soil porosity (None)
fc_grass: 0.56 # Soil saturation degree at field capacity (None)
sc_grass: 0.33 # Soil saturation degree at stomatal closure (None)
wp_grass: 0.13 # Soil saturation degree at wilting point (None)
hgw_grass: 0.1 # Soil saturation degree at hygroscopic point (None)
beta_grass: 13.8 # Deep percolation constant = $2*b+4$ where b is water retention parameter

Shrub

VEGTYPE_shrub: 1 # Integer value to infer Vegetation Type
intercept_cap_shrub: 1.5 # Full canopy interception capacity (mm)
zr_shrub: 0.5 # Root depth (m)
I_B_shrub: 20. # Infiltration capacity of bare soil (mm/h)
I_V_shrub: 40. # Infiltration capacity of vegetated soil (mm/h)
pc_shrub: 0.43 # Soil porosity (None)
fc_shrub: 0.56 # Soil saturation degree at field capacity (None)
sc_shrub: 0.24 # Soil saturation degree at stomatal closure (None)
wp_shrub: 0.13 # Soil saturation degree at wilting point (None)
hgw_shrub: 0.1 # Soil saturation degree at hygroscopic point (None)
beta_shrub: 13.8 # Deep percolation constant = $2*b+4$ where b is water retention parameter

Tree

VEGTYPE_tree: 2 # Integer value to infer Vegetation Type
intercept_cap_tree: 2. # Full canopy interception capacity (mm)
zr_tree: 1.3 # Root depth (m)
I_B_tree: 20. # Infiltration capacity of bare soil (mm/h)
I_V_tree: 40. # Infiltration capacity of vegetated soil (mm/h)
pc_tree: 0.43 # Soil porosity (None)
fc_tree: 0.56 # Soil saturation degree at field capacity (None)
sc_tree: 0.22 # Soil saturation degree at stomatal closure (None)
wp_tree: 0.15 # Soil saturation degree at wilting point (None)
hgw_tree: 0.1 # Soil saturation degree at hygroscopic point (None)
beta_tree: 13.8 # Deep percolation constant = $2*b+4$ where b is water retention parameter

Bare Soil

VEGTYPE_bare: 3 # Integer value to infer Vegetation Type
intercept_cap_bare: 1. # Full canopy interception capacity (mm)
zr_bare: 0.15 # Root depth (m)
I_B_bare: 20. # Infiltration capacity of bare soil (mm/h)
I_V_bare: 20. # Infiltration capacity of vegetated soil (mm/h)
pc_bare: 0.43 # Soil porosity (None)
fc_bare: 0.56 # Soil saturation degree at field capacity (None)
sc_bare: 0.33 # Soil saturation degree at stomatal closure (None)

wp_bare: 0.13 # Soil saturation degree at wilting point (None)
hgw_bare: 0.1 # Soil saturation degree at hygroscopic point (None)
beta_bare: 13.8 # Deep percolation constant

Vegetation Dynamics:

Blive_init: 102.
Bdead_init: 450.
PET_growth_threshold: 3.8 # PET threshold for growing season (mm/d)
PET_dormancy_threshold: 6.8 # PET threshold for dormant season (mm/d)
Tdmax: 10. # Constant for dead biomass loss adjustment (mm/d)
w: 0.55 # Conversion factor of CO2 to dry biomass (Kg DM/Kg CO2)

Grass

WUE_grass: 0.01 # Water use efficiency KgCO2Kg-1H2O
cb_grass: 0.0047 # Specific leaf area for green/live biomass (m2 leaf g-1 DM)
cd_grass: 0.009 # Specific leaf area for dead biomass (m2 leaf g-1 DM)
ksg_grass: 0.012 # Senescence coefficient of green/live biomass (d-1)
kdd_grass: 0.013 # Decay coefficient of aboveground dead biomass (d-1)
kws_grass: 0.02 # Maximum drought induced foliage loss rate (d-1)
LAI_max_grass: 2. # Maximum leaf area index (m2/m2)
LAIR_max_grass: 2.88 # Reference leaf area index (m2/m2)

Shrub

WUE_shrub: 0.0025 # Water use efficiency KgCO2Kg-1H2O
cb_shrub: 0.004 # Specific leaf area for green/live biomass (m2 leaf g-1 DM)
cd_shrub: 0.01 # Specific leaf area for dead biomass (m2 leaf g-1 DM)
ksg_shrub: 0.002 # Senescence coefficient of green/live biomass (d-1)
kdd_shrub: 0.013 # Decay coefficient of aboveground dead biomass (d-1)
kws_shrub: 0.02 # Maximum drought induced foliage loss rate (d-1)
LAI_max_shrub: 2. # Maximum leaf area index (m2/m2)
LAIR_max_shrub: 2. # Reference leaf area index (m2/m2)

Tree

WUE_tree: 0.0045 # Water use efficiency KgCO2Kg-1H2O
cb_tree: 0.004 # Specific leaf area for green/live biomass (m2 leaf g-1 DM)
cd_tree: 0.01 # Specific leaf area for dead biomass (m2 leaf g-1 DM)
ksg_tree: 0.002 # Senescence coefficient of green/live biomass (d-1)
kdd_tree: 0.013 # Decay coefficient of aboveground dead biomass (d-1)
kws_tree: 0.01 # Maximum drought induced foliage loss rate (d-1)
LAI_max_tree: 4. # Maximum leaf area index (m2/m2)
LAIR_max_tree: 4. # Reference leaf area index (m2/m2)

Bare

WUE_bare: 0.01 # Water use efficiency KgCO2Kg-1H2O
cb_bare: 0.0047 # Specific leaf area for green/live biomass (m2 leaf g-1 DM)
cd_bare: 0.009 # Specific leaf area for dead biomass (m2 leaf g-1 DM)
ksg_bare: 0.012 # Senescence coefficient of green/live biomass (d-1)
kdd_bare: 0.013 # Decay coefficient of aboveground dead biomass (d-1)
kws_bare: 0.02 # Maximum drought induced foliage loss rate (d-1)
LAI_max_bare: 0.01 # Maximum leaf area index (m2/m2)

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LAIR_max_bare: 0.01 # Reference leaf area index (m2/m2)

## Cellular Automaton Vegetation:

# Grass

Pemaxg: 0.35 # Maximal establishment probability
ING: 2 # Parameter to define allelopathic effect on grass from cresotebush
ThetaGrass: 0.62 # Drought resistant threshold
PmbGrass: 0.05 # Background mortality probability

# Shrub

Pemaxsh: 0.2 # Maximal establishment probability
ThetaShrub: 0.78 # Drought resistant threshold
PmbShrub: 0.03 # Background mortality probability
tpmaxShrub: 600 # Maximum age (yr)

# Tree

Pemaxtr: 0.25 # Maximal establishment probability
ThetaTree: 0.72 # Drought resistant threshold
PmbTree: 0.01 # Background mortality probability
tpmaxTree: 350 # Maximum age (yr)

# ShrubSeedling

ThetaShrubSeedling: 0.64 # Drought resistant threshold
PmbShrubSeedling: 0.03 # Background mortality probability
tpmaxShrubSeedling: 18 # Maximum age (yr)

# TreeSeedling

ThetaTreeSeedling: 0.64 # Drought resistant threshold
PmbTreeSeedling: 0.03 # Background mortality probability
tpmaxTreeSeedling: 18 # Maximum age (yr)
```

Script S6. Code to run a surface runoff model in Landlab. The file 'Watershed_DEM.asc' could be any Esri ASCII-formatted file giving rasterised topographic data on which to run this Landlab model. However, the output seen in Figure 15 of the main manuscript and described in the main text makes use of a DEM of Spring Creek, CO, USA. Availability of this data is described in Section 8 of the main text.

```
1 from landlab.io import read_esri_ascii
2 from landlab.components import SinkFiller, OverlandFlow
3 (mg, z) = read_esri_ascii('Watershed_DEM.asc',
4                           name='topographic__elevation')
5 mg.set_watershed_boundary_condition(z)
6 sf = SinkFiller(mg, routing='D4', apply_slope=True, fill_slope=1.e-5)
7 sf.fill_pits()
8 of = OverlandFlow(mg, steep_slopes=True)
9 elapsed_time = 0.
10 storm_duration = 3600. # in seconds
11 model_run_time = 84600. # in seconds
12 starting_precip = 25. # in mm/h
13 while elapsed_time < model_run_time:
14     if elapsed_time < storm_duration:
15         of.rainfall_intensity = starting_precip * 2.7778e-7 # mm/h to m/s
16     else:
17         of.rainfall_intensity = 0.
18     of.run_one_step() # this component can select its own timestep
19     elapsed_time += of.dt
```